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3. Shortage of Funds

- a. Young men are being dismissed from their places of work a short time before they are due to be called up, so that their employers are not saddled with the responsibility of supporting their families.
- b. Two peasant girls who earned 300 forints a month in a state farm near Vác decided to transfer to factories and left their farm in the middle of December 1952. They have now returned to ask for their jobs back, having applied in vain for six weeks at factories in Budapest.

4. Agriculture

Many crops, including potatoes and corn, have remained unharvested because individual farmers are not allowed to take part of their profits in kind and the money they earn is not enough to live on. The collective and state farms are behind on the harvesting schedule, but are forbidden to adopt the most practical solution which would be to attract casual labor by offers of payment in kind. In some places the locals have taken the law into their own hands. For example in Ragaly miners took 30 yokes of potatoes from the state farm and kept them.

1. Comment: [redacted] a new factory just south of Vác (i.e. left bank) with a shipyard attached, where "aluminum motor-boats" are being built. A number of finished boats have been seen lying on the bank near the Vác road.

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